

## TRAIN SAVED FROM OPEN DRAW

**Derailing Device on New Haven Prevents Plunge Into River.**

BRIDGEPORT, Conn., Dec. 26.—Automatic derailing apparatus at the approach to the open drawbridge over the Pequonnock River caused the engine of an extra westbound express train on the New Haven railroad to leave the rails near here early to-night. The train was going slowly, preparatory to making a station stop, and none of the six coaches left the tracks.

Closely following the train was the fast Knickerbocker Express, which was brought to a stop in time to prevent a collision.

Railroad officials said the engineer of the extra express had his engine under control and that there was no danger of a plunge into the river.

Traffic on the four main line tracks was tied up for several hours.

140 men of the First Battalion, New York Signal Corps, reached home yester-

"There is absolutely no dissatisfaction among any of our men over the work they have been doing," said Major W. L. Hallahan, proudly. "We are ready and fit for service at any time the call comes."

panies proceeded to the Seventy-first Regiment Armory, Park avenue and Thirty fourth street, while Company B, the wife company, went to its armory in Dean street, Brooklyn. The Seventy-first's armory had been decorated with holiday greens and luncheon was served to the men there. Afterward there was a formal reception in the library and adjoining rooms. Major and Mrs. Hallahan headed the receiving line and with them were Capt. E. E. Schmid, Capt. Arthur L. Howe, Capt. Robert W. Ma-

More than a thousand more New York City  
Guardsmen are expected to return from  
the Mexican line before Christmas.  
Major-Gen. O'Brian and his staff are to  
arrive to-day. They spent yesterday at  
White Sulphur Springs, W. Va.

terday permitting Robert Brunner, a banker of Brussels, Belgium, to participate in the reorganization of the Chicago, Rock

Island and Pacific Railroad Company. Brunner, who owns ninety-three of the road's \$1,000 4 per cent. bonds, was unable because of the military occupation of Belgium to get the bonds to the reorganiza-

tion committee within the prescribed time.

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